

ZECHARIAH - Jehovah Remembers
"Antichrist - The False Shepherd"
Zechariah 11:15-17

INTRODUCTION:

1. Through our study of Zechariah, we are learning how significant it is to our understanding of prophecy.
2. One of the most significant prophetic events, yet to come, is the arrival of the Antichrist.
3. **1 John 2:18**
 - a) John says there are many antichrists *but there is one that we tend to think of as the most highly aggressive Antichrist* apart from Satan.
4. **Zechariah 11:15**
 - a) When Antichrist shows up in Chapter 11:17, he shows up as the "*foolish shepherd*" ESV
 - 1) In the NLT he is the "*worthless shepherd*"
5. ***So where did the concept of Antichrist come from?***
 - a) **1 John 2:18**
6. **HOW DID IT BECOME COMMON KNOWLEDGE?**
 - a) **BECAUSE IT WAS SPOKEN OF BY THE APOSTLES.**
 - 1) **2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, 8**
7. **John 5:43**
8. **Zechariah 11:15-17**

THIS MORNING SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE FALSE SHEPHERD

I. AGENDA OF THE FALSE SHEPHERD

A. THE FALL OF LUCIFER

1. **Genesis 1:31**
2. **Isaiah 14:12-15 NKJV**
 - a) **1 Corinthians 10:31**
3. **Genesis 3:1-7a**

4. **Genesis 3:14-15 KJV**

a) Vs 15 KJV

1) "bruise" (to break into pieces - to Crush)

5. **God and Satan have been at war ever sense the Fall.**

a) And Satan is always trying to stomp Israel out!!!

B. CORRUPTION OF THE HUMAN RACE

1. **Genesis 6:1-4**

a) Vs 4

1) "*when the sons of God came into the daughters of man, and they bore children to them*"

2. **Genesis 6:5-8**

a) Because of the corruption God destroyed the earth with a flood.

C. ATTEMPT TO DESTROY ISRAEL

1. In **Genesis 12** we have the call of Abraham.

a) Vs 1-3

2. In **Genesis 15:1-13**

a) Abram and his family went into Egypt for 400 years.

3. **Exodus 1:1-22**

4. Satan tried to destroy *the possibility of a seed*, by destroying all male children in Israel.

5. **Esther 7:1-6**

D. SATAN ATTEMPTS TO KILL JESUS

1. **Matthew 2:1-6, 16-20**

2. The Temptation of Christ

a) **Luke 4:1-13**

3. **Zechariah 9:9**

4. **Matthew 26:47-50**

E. SATAN CONTINUES TO ATTACK

1. SATAN IS RELENTLESS!!!

2. Ephesians 6:10-11

a) Vs 12

1) "rulers"

2) "authorities"

3) "cosmic powers over this present darkness"

4) "spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places"

3. Matthew 16:17-18

a) "gates" - represent authority - all the forces of hell!!!

II. RISE OF THE ANTICHRIST

A. SATAN'S PRIORITY IS TO DESTROY ISRAEL

1. If Satan can stop Israel, then Kingdom doesn't happen.

a) And if the kingdom doesn't happen then he has made God to be a liar.

2. So how does Satan pull this off?

a) He needs a man to be his tool, to eliminate God's people & set up a world government of evil, to kill Jews, slaughter believers of the Tribulation.

B. THE CHARACTER OF THIS MAN

1. First- he will be an intellectual genius.

a) **Daniel 7:8**

1) "eyes" - refer to intelligence

2. Secondly - he will be a great orator.

a) **Daniel 7:8, 20**

3. Thirdly - he will be an outstanding politician

a) **Daniel 11:21**

4. Fourthly - he'll be an economic genius

a) **Daniel 8:25**

b) **Revelation 18**

5. Characteristic #5 - he will be a Military Genius

a) **Daniel 7:23**

b) **Revelation 13:4**

6. Characteristic #6 - Sixth - he will be a religious leader

a) *2 Thessalonians 2:4*

C. HE WILL BE SATAN'S PUPPET

1. Remember Satan is the master counterfeiter.

a) Just as God is a Trinity - God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

b) Satan is also part of a trinity - The Dragon, the beast. False Prophet

2. This Antichrist is a man!!!

a) *Daniel 9:26-27*

III. ZECHARIAH CONTINUES TO ROLE-PLAY

A. ZECHARIAH PLAYS THE ROLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

1. Vs 7

a) *"So I became the shepherd of the flock doomed to be slaughtered by the sheep traders".*

b) Zechariah carried out his role of representing Christ @ His 1st Advent.

2. Vs 7 NLT

a) *"So, I cared for the flock intended for slaughter - the flock that was oppressed."*

1) *"oppressed"* - Only the poor and afflicted responded to Jesus when he preaches.

3. Verse 7b

a) *"And I took two staffs."*

4. Verse 8

a) *"In one month, I destroyed the three shepherds".*

b) Now who are the three shepherds?

5. Vs 9

a) *"What is to die, let it die"*

b) *"What is to be destroyed, let it be destroyed"*

6. Vs 7

a) *"The poor have come and they've been gathered in by the two sticks of FAVOR AND UNITY and we are one in this unique way."*

7. Vs 8-9

a) *But the false leaders I cut off and the rest that will not hear, then go ahead and die and go ahead and be cut off."*

8. Vs 10

a) *"And I took my staff Favor, and I broke it,"*

9. Verse 11 LSB

a) *"So, it was broken on that day, and thus the afflicted of the flock who were watching me knew that it was the word of Yahweh."*

b) *In 70 A.D. The staff of FAVOR was shattered.*

c) *"And thus the afflicted (poor) of the flock who were watching me knew it was the Word of the LORD."*

10. Vs 12

B. ZECHARIAH ROLE-PLAYS JUDAS

1. Vs 12 -13

2. What is that prophesying? Judas.

3. Why is God so severe?

a) ANSWER: He says, *"Well let Me just remind you about how they treated Me."*

1) He says, *"When it was all done, I said, 'What am I worth to you?"*

4. Matthew 27:1-5

a) Zechariah 11:13

5. Vs 14

a) *"Then I cut in pieces my second staff UNION"*

C. ZECHARIAH ROLE-PLAYS ANTICHRIST

1. FIRST HIS CHARACTER

a) Vs 15 NLT

1) *"a worthless shepherd"* ("foolish shepherd" ESV)

- b) "**foolish**" - in the Old Testament is synonymous with wicked.
- c) The "**foolish shepherd**" - is the opposite of the Good Shepherd.
- 1) 2 staffs - Protection, Care

2. SECOND HIS WORK

- a) Vs 16a
- 1) "**I am raising up in the land, a shepherd**"
- b) **Who's doing what??**
- 1) Nothing happens outside of God's control.
- c) Vs 16b NLT
- 1) "**who will not care for those who are dying**"
 - 2) "**nor look after the young**"
 - The True Shepherd leaves the 99 to save the one that's lost.
 - 3) "**nor heal the injured**"
 - The True Shepherd would make a splint to fix a broken leg.
 - 4) "**nor feed the healthy**"
- d) 16c
- 1) This Bad shepherd will leave nothing - and tear off their hoofs.
 - 2) **HE IS THE OPPOSITE THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

3. FINALLY, HIS PUNISHMENT

- a) Vs17a
- 1) "**Woe**" - That's a pronouncement of a curse
- b) Vs 17b
- 1) "**May the sword strike his right arm**"
 - The arm refers to strength.
 - 2) "**and his right eye completely blind**"
 - Eye refers to intelligence

CONCLUSION:

1. **QUESTION:** How could such a person come along and gain such power.
 - a) **How could people be so absent-minded as to allow a person to do this?**